



## NEWS RELEASE

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### FATAL MOTORCYCLE COLLISION SOUTH ALVERNON WAY AND EAST 31<sup>ST</sup> STREET

On the late evening of June 1, 2013, officers from Operations Division Midtown responded to a report of a motorcycle collision that had occurred in the area of South Alvernon Way and East 31<sup>st</sup> Street. Upon arrival, officers learned that the motorcyclist was suffering from life threatening injuries as a result of the collision. Tucson Fire Department emergency medical personnel responded to the collision as well. They transported him to a local trauma center for additional medical evaluation and treatment. Unfortunately, the motorcyclist succumbed to his injuries while at the hospital and was pronounced deceased on the early morning of June 2, 2013. He has been identified as 45-year old Javier Rascon.

Detectives from the Traffic Investigations Unit also responded to the scene of the collision to assist with and further the investigation. The detectives examined roadway evidence and conducted interviews with witnesses in the area. They learned that Mr. Rascon had been riding a 2001 Honda CF4 southbound on South Alvernon Way. Near the intersection with East 31<sup>st</sup> Street, Mr. Rascon lost control of the motorcycle and collided with a guardrail. He was thrown from the motorcycle. Mr. Rascon was wearing a helmet at the time of the collision, and it did not appear that excessive speed was a factor in the collision. It also did not appear that any other vehicles were involved in the collision.

Fatalities year to date:

For 2012 - 17

2 Pedestrian  
1 Bicycle  
3 Motorcycle

For 2013 - 16

6 Pedestrian  
0 Bicycle  
3 Motorcycle

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